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Anti Suffragist: "I am utterly opposed to Woman Suffrage"

REVIEW OF THE WEEK

SITUATION IN CONGRESS

Although Congress has not been in session during the past week, and will not convene until January 12, many Congressmen remained in Washington for the holidays. The majority of them have had called to their attention the fact that the women of the country are waiting with interest the action to be taken by the Rules Committee upon the resolution providing for a Woman Suffrage committee in the House. Deputations were organized to call upon members of Congress and request their support, and many Representatives were visited by friends and constituents who were spending the holidays in Washington, and who made plain to them the strength of Suffrage sentiment in their home districts. The Rules Committee will take up, next week, consideration of the resolution, and early and favorable action is expected.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Congressional Union held a series of business sessions during the week, Mrs. Lawrence Lewis coming from Philadelphia, and Mrs. Crystal Eastman Benedict from New York, to confer with Miss Alice Paul and Miss Lucy Burns in regard to the work of the Union for the coming year. A review of the work of the year just ended and the plan of campaign decided upon by the Executive Committee will be presented at the meeting to be held at the home of Representative and Mrs. William Kent, 1925 F Street, at 3 p. m., Sunday, January 11. This meeting, will take place the day before Congress convenes after the holiday recess. This date was selected to emphasize once more, the strength and seriousness of the Suffrage movement, and the earnestness with which the work in behalf of the constitutional amendment is to be carried on during the coming year.

A committee of one hundred, of which Mrs. Kent is chairman, has been organized to collect funds to lease the Headquarters of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage for another year. A much needed extension of space has necessitated an increased sum for rental of the Headquarters at 1420 F Street, and it is hoped that at least $2,000 may be contributed or pledged at the meeting on January 11.

The plans outlined for the 1914 campaign contemplate increased activity in every department, and it is already apparent that loyal support will be forthcoming.

DELAWARE DEPUTATION

Miss Mabel Vernon, organizer for the State of Delaware, has initiated a vigorous campaign in that State. She is forming a committee of one hundred, similar to the Washington committee of one hundred.

It will meet to effect an organization at 3.30 p. m., Friday, January 9, in the parlors of the New Century Club, of Wilmington. Plans for the year's campaign will be thoroughly threshed out. Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, Jr., whose work in Pennsylvania has been so notable, will help.

Senator Willard Saulsbury received a delegation of Delaware Suffragists at 10 a. m., Friday, January 2. The deputation comprised about twenty women, who requested Senator Saulsbury to vote in favor of the Federal Amendment.

PROGRAM OF THE WEEK

Saturday, January 3d.

Open-air Meeting.....Eighth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, 8 P. M.
Speakers: Miss ELSIE HILL, Mrs. E. ST. C. THOMPSON.

Open-air Meeting.....Eighth Street and New York Avenue, 8 P. M.
Speakers: Miss SALSBURY, Mrs. WM. CLAGETT.

Open-air Meeting.....Fourteenth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, 8 P. M.
Speakers: Miss DORIS STEVENS, Miss LILY GLENN, Mrs. MOLLER.

Open-air Meeting.....Ninth and E Streets, 8 P. M
Speakers: Mrs. W. C. BROOKE, Miss BESSIE BARKLEY.

Open-air Meeting.....Fourteenth Street and Park Road, 8 P. M.
Speakers: Miss LUCY BURNS, Mrs. WOODS.

Monday, January 5th.

Meeting North Carolina Chapter of Congressional Union.....1527 Rhode Island Avenue, 8 P. M.
Speakers: Mrs. PHILANDER CLAXTON, Miss LUCY BURNS.

Open-air Meeting.....Eighth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, 8 P. M.
Speakers: Miss DORIS STEVENS, Miss LILY GLENN, Miss RUTH NOYES.

Tuesday, January 6th.

Open-air Meeting.....Tenth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, 8 P. M.
Speakers: Miss ELSIE HILL, Miss BESSIE BARKLEY, Miss ANNIS SALSBURY.

Wednesday, January 7th.

Open-air Meeting.....Ninth and E Streets, 8 P. M.
Speakers: Mrs. W. C. BROOKE, Miss LILY GLENN, Mrs. KATHERINE WOODS.

Thursday, January 8th.

Open-air Meeting.....Eighth Street and New York Avenue, 8 P. M.
Speakers: Mrs. E. ST. CLAIR THOMPSON, Miss BESSIE BARKLEY.

Friday, January 9th.

Open-air Meeting.....Tenth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, 8 P. M.
Speakers: Mrs. WM. CLAGETT, Mrs. KATHERINE WOODS.

OPEN MEETING AT MRS. KENT'S HOME

EVERY member of the Congressional Union, and every person who contemplates joining, is urgently requested to come to the big mass-meeting to be held at 3 p. m., Sunday, January 11th, at the home of Representative William Kent, of California, and Mrs. Kent, 1925 F Street N. W.

This meeting will be one of the most important the Union has ever held and no one who is interested in the work can afford to miss it. A review of the work accomplished since the organization of the Union will occupy part of the time. This review will be so thorough and complete that no member need hereafter plead lack of information nor ignorance of any of the details of the work.

No less important than the review will be the discussion of the plans for the coming year. Several important questions must be decided and the opinion of every member of the Union on these questions is desired.

Great as has been the growth of the work during the past year, the Union plans a still greater expansion in 1914.

A collection for the coming year is planned and a committee of one hundred members, with Mrs. William Kent as chairman, will be organized to make this collection.

This meeting is the one previously planned for January 2d, and postponed because of the absence of Representative and Mrs. Kent from the city. It will celebrate the first anniversary of the opening of Headquarters in F Street.

OUTLOOK FOR 1914

THE year 1914 dawns brightly for the cause of Woman Suffrage. Not only has it become one of the leading issues of the hour, but it is also a subject of pending legislation. The House of Representatives, which for twenty years has ignored the question and sidetracked all bills relating to it, must, the country now believes, shortly face it.

It is fortunate for the country and for the cause of Woman Suffrage that the House is so organized that responsibility may easily be placed.

The Democratic party is completely in control. Consequently, the Woman Suffrage cause knocks at the door of the Democratic party. Inaction will be party inaction.

Never before has the American nation been so responsive to the appeal of American womanhood for a voice in government. We feel that the signs of the times show that the people are with us.

The moral uplift resulting from the votes cast by women in those states where women have the ballot have given to the cause of Women Suffrage an impetus which has made converts among that class who demand reason for the faith that is in them and hesitate to join any movement until it has fair prospects of success.

Even the doubting ones have now joined us. Our march is the onward march. Assured of the justice of our cause and of its ultimate and speedy triumph we see in the dawning of the New Year, the begnining of the end of the long fight for political justice to woman.

TREASURER'S REPORT

APPEAL FOR COLLECTION TO BE TAKEN JANUARY 11TH

IN THIS column we have acknowledged the gifts of money, collections, and membership fees received since we began the Congressional work in Washington a year ago. This list of contributions does not, of course,include receipts from the sale of tickets, literature, banners,and other business transactions. The fund here listed has been expended on the maintenance of headquarters in Washington during the past year, on the three processions organized here, on the Suffrage tableau given on the Treasury steps last March, on the three summer campaigns organized by the Union, on the local arrangements for the two Suffrage conventions entertained by the Union, on the publishing of THE SUFFRAGIST, on the organizing of the pilgrimages to Washington last summer, on the vast propagandistic campaign carried on during the year in which many indoor and outdoor meetings were held, eight of them being large theater meetings, and on the regular legislative work, such as arrangements for congressional hearings in the endeavor to get the Suffrage bill through Congress. After paying the final bills connected with the entertainment of the National Woman Suffrage Convention in Washington last month, we find ourselves with less than $100 in the treasury. It is imperative, therefore, that we at once raise a fund in order to enter on the work of the new year.

Mrs. William Kent has become chairman of a committee of one hundred members to secure a large fund with which to insure the continuance of the congressional work during the coming year. This fund will be begun with a collection to be taken at the meeting January 11th, at the home of Representative and Mrs. William Kent, 1925 F Street Northwest.

The Congressional Union will continue during 1914 under the same committee as last year and the work will be along the same lines. If you feel that the last year's work has been worth while and if you wish to see it continued during 1914, send a contribution or a pledge to Mrs. William Kent, 1420 F Street, Washington, D. C., to help swell the collection to be taken January 11th.

We ask each member of the Union to send a New Year's gift even though it is not more than 50 cents or a dollar.

MARY MORRIS LOCKWOOD,
Treasurer.

Contributions toward $25,000 Fund for Securing the Passage of the Federal Suffrage Amendment.

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In this column an acknowledgment will be made of all contributions received during the time we have been at work.

Collection	$1 45
Dr. E. F. Smith	20 00
Anna E. Hendley	25 00
Miss E. T. Prince	3 00
Miss E. M. Gillett	10 00
Chicago, Illinois, Delegation to Procession	100 00
Collected by Women in Government Service	85 00
Star Laundry	10 00
Maryland Equal Suffrage League	5 00
Mrs. William Kent	50 00
Miss Constable	75
Mrs. William Kent	70 00
Mrs. R. M. McLennan	$1 00
Francis I. Dupont	1 00
Cabel E. Burchard	1 00
Mrs. Miller	6 00
Miss Florence Etheridge	9 00
Katherine R. Fisher	1 00
Mrs. Jessie Hardy Stubbs	10 00
Membership Entrance Fees, Congressional Union	240 20
Total	$649 40
Previously Acknowledged in THE SUFFRAGIST	$10,857 08
Total to January 1, 1914	$11,506 48

NOTE.—Through an error the following donations were printed twice in the December 27th issue:

Mrs. Case	$10 00
Julia C. S. Grant	50 00
Ruth Noble Warren	10 00
Mrs. A. D. Warner	5 00
Mrs. J P. Nichols	1 00
Mrs. Charles Warner	1 00
Mr. F. I. DuPont	1 00
Miss Ospina	1 00
Mrs. Phillips	1 00
Delaware Equal Suffrage Association	2 00
Mrs. E. J. MacNair	5 00

In the issue of the 27th the item, "Collection, per Mrs. Monroe Hopkins, $40.73," should have been omitted, as it was receipts from the sale of literature.

In the same issue the item, "Anthony League, $15.00," should read "District of Columbia Suffrage League, $15.00."

In the issue of November 15th the item, "Anonymous, $10.00," should have been omitted, as it had already been acknowledged.

The totals were also incorrectly listed but are here corrected.

CONGRESSIONAL UNION FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Colors: Purple, White, and Gold

THE advent of a new year finds the Congressional Union well equipped to carry on the battle for votes for women.

Believing that this great end, toward which all Suffragists are working, can best be served by means of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, enfranchising women, we call upon all who hold a like belief to join our ranks.

The Congressional Union is composed of women in all parts of the country who have joined in working to secure the passage of such an amendment.

Membership is open to all women who consider Woman Suffrage the main issue in national politics.

The Union now numbers more than 1,200 members. These are located in all parts of the United States, but all are kept in close touch with the work done here by correspondence.

There is sufficient work to be done in securing the passage of the amendment to interest every Suffrage sympathizer in the United States. Every member of the Union owes it to her principles to engage in some form of practical work for the end toward which we are all aiming. Find out that part of the work for which you are best suited—and then put your shoulder to the wheel.

There is an entrance fee of 25 cents. After that there are no other dues, as it is known that every member will contribute to the full extent of her ability.

If you believe in the purpose of the Congressional Union and in its work fill in the following membership blank and forward it with the 25 cents to Congressional Union Headquarters, 1420 F Street Northwest, Washington, D. C.:

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SENATE AND HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right of suffrage to women

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of the said legislatures, shall be valid as part of said Constitution, namely:

"ARTICLE—

"SECTION 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

"SEC. 2. The Congress shall have power, by appropriate legislation, to enforce the provisions of this article."

HISTORY OF AMENDMENT

Introduced:
In the Senate: April 7, 1913, by Senator George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon.
In the House: April 7, 1913, by Representative Frank W. Mondell, of Wyoming.
Referred:
In the Senate: April 7, 1913, to the Woman Suffrage Committee.
In the House: April 7, 1913, to the Judiciary Committee.
Reported:
In the Senate: June 13, 1913, unanimous favorable report.
Discussed:
In the Senate: July 31, 1913, twenty-three Senators in favor, three opposing.
September 18, 1913, Senator Wesley L. Jones, of Washington, demands immediate action.
Present Status:
In the Senate: Awaiting action.
In the House: Before the Judiciary Committee.

CREATION OF A WOMAN SUFFRAGE COMMITTEE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

[Extract from speech of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt at the recent hearing before the Rules Committee of the House of Representatives.]

"THE last time the question of Woman Suffrage was discussed in this House was in 1866, with the exception of a discussion at the time Wyoming was admitted to statehood.

"We pride ourselves in this country on democracy. May I show you that while the United States Congress and its Judiciary Committee has declined to report our bill and thus bring it before the House where it may be discussed, in the last parliamentary term, that is, 1912-1913, the question of Woman Suffrage has been discussed in the Imperial Parliaments of Great Britain, Ireland, Denmark; in Norway, which discussed it with such effect that it will never be discussed again, they having given the franchise to women; in France, which had two years before appointed one of its members chairman of a committee to investigate the question of Woman Suffrage, the result being that several of the councils have recently passed resolutions calling upon the parliament to take action. Sweden also discussed it and two years ago appointed a committee for the purpose of investigating the question. The chairman of that committee was a hostile gentleman on this subject, and yet despite that fact his report contained so much that was good that the King recommended Woman Suffrage in his message.

"It was even discussed generally in the Duma of Russia on three different occasions.

"It was discussed in Holland in connection with the proposal for a constitutional convention. It was discussed in Portugal and Italy.

"The above are all Imperial Parliaments.

"There are eight European countries in which it has not been discussed; namely, Austria, Germany, Spain, Greece, Bulgaria, Roumania, Servia, and Turkey.

"I think we may excuse Austria and Germany, inasmuch as it was discussed in some of their local diets, and we may excuse the Southern European countries who were engaged in war and had no time to consider this or many other questions, so that it seems to remain that the United States Congress and the Parliament of Turkey are the only ones in this day who refuse to discuss this question.

"We are going to stand by our right to get the vote. It is as easy a problem as it was to give franchisement to the negro, and while there are gentlemen in the South who do not think that that was done in a conservative way, and I entirely agree with them, nevertheless, it has stood the test of some forty years, and it is a part of the Constitution."

[Extract from speech by Mrs. Helen H. Gardener at the recent hearing before the Rules Committee of the House of Representatives.]

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN of the Rules Committee, as I understand it, this hearing is not to be a forum for the discussion of the general question of Woman Suffrage, but is to be confined to the one point for which this committee has appointed this time for discussion; namely, whether or not the Rules Committee shall recommend to Congress the appointment of a Committee on Woman Suffrage for the House of Representatives whose duty it shall be to give such of its time and attention to this question as it shall find desirable or necessary.

This is not much for the women of America to ask of you. You may think of the expense. That is a mere trifle as compared with the millions of dollars which women pay, and have paid, to sustain this and other governmental committees, departments, and institutions.

We are called upon to help pay for all of the others, why should we not have one of our own.

We do not hesitate to pay, or object to, the tax upon us for many and varied committees; are men less generous and considerate of the needs and special interests of women?

You may remind me in this connection that for so many years that none of you gentlemen can recall when it was not so, we have been sent before the Judiciary Committee once for a year, if we so desired, to present our arguments for Woman Suffrage, and for a Constitutional Amendment looking toward that end. You may say that this is a fine and able committee. In that, gentlemen, we agree with you and are not here to find fault with or to criticize the Judiciary Committee, a fine, able committee, of course. *But our special needs and problems are not its object of existence.* We are purely and solely a side issue to it. We appear before it year after year on one day for two hours and that is the end of it. That committee is a very busy one. The President has notified it that it is to be still busier this session. He has even gone the length of giving its chairman notice that the heavy weight of this session is to fall upon the Judiciary, even as the heavy weight of the special session just closed fell upon the Ways and Means Committee.

Why, gentlemen, more than one-fifth of the Senate and more than one-seventh of the House today are elected by women's votes—yet we have not one little committee among the entire group of many.

More than one-sixth of the electoral vote comes from Woman Suffrage States. At least one of the members of this committee was elected by the votes of women, and three other members come from States where campaigns are now on and at least in one of these the chances are all on the side of our success.

You will remember that there is a Committee on Indian Affairs. Now why? Are the Indians so far more important than are all of the women of America? Are their affairs more vital?

They did not always have a special committee. They used to be a mere incident as we are. When the Indians got a committee of their own they began to get schools, lands in severalty and the general status of human beings and not of targets.

The recommendation that we do have such a committee in the House does not in any way commit you to the adoption of Woman Suffrage as your own mental equipment. It merely says that you are willing to recommend that the mothers of the race, your wives, daughters, mothers, and sisters shall have in the Congress of the United States, in the lower House as in the Senate, one committee to which they may go freely and as often as the problems and difficulties of a rapidly changing condition shall demand. That it shall be the duty of this committee to investigate and understand, to really *know* fundamentally the legal and political status of one-half of all the citizens and to act for their best interests and development.

That is not much to ask. It is not much to give—*and it will not be needed for so very many years.*

The Democratic party has the opportunity of a century. It has it in its own hands to make of its professions of "a government of the people by the people, and for the people" a reality and not an iridescent dream for one-half of the people.

But whether it is ready for this step or not it is surely not going to deny the right to one-half of these people to have a very little part of its own tax money expended for one single committee whose duties it shall be to look into, with patience and honest effort, the present very unequal and anomalous situation and help to discover such remedies as may seem sane and in harmony with the twentieth century.

When I go to California with my husband I am a voter. I have the legal and political status of a human unit. When we return to my own State of Virginia I am a cipher and he is the only unit in our family. I do not like that. He does not like it. There are now these absurd anomalies for over four million of women. Their property is involved as well as their sense of dignity and justice. You gave the Indians a committee to look into similar questions. Are we less to you than they?

Congressional Women Who Help Headquarters

INTERIOR OF CONGRESSIONAL UNION HEADQUARTERS

Mrs. Champ Clark in foreground

AN ATTITUDE of helpfulness to the cause of Suffrage has for years characterized the women of Congressional circles. Years before the question of the enfranchisement of women became the greatest political issue of the day, of recognized dignity and no longer unpopular, there were among the wives of the officials who represent the American people outspoken and unswerving advocates of votes for women.

In the days when it took much courage to avow oneself a Suffragist, Miss Susan B. Anthony was a welcome guest at the home of officials when she came on at the convening of each new Congress to speak before the committee whose members heard the arguments advanced with the firm determination not to be convinced.

All that has been changed now. No one can now claim that Suffrage is not taken seriously, even by those persons who are least prone to think seriously of the great issues of the day.

At the opening of Headquarters in Washington, a number of women prominent in official life signified their interest in the work and their desire to aid. Among the first to ally themselves with the movement were Mrs. Champ Clark, wife of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Mrs. Robert M. La Follette, wife of Senator La Follette of Wisconsin.

Mrs. Clark gave prompt and efficient aid to the committees who sought her help. She says that she can not remember the time when she was not a Suffragist. Mrs. Clark's sister, Mrs. Anne Hamilton Pitzer, was a delegate to the national Democratic convention from Colorado. Miss Genevieve Champ Clark, the Speaker's debutante daughter, took a prominent part in the parade last March.

Mrs. La Follette, who was graduated from the co-educational University of Wisconsin and was a college mate of her distinguished husband, imbibed even in her school days the earnest, thorough attitude of going to the bottom of public questions, which has made her a marked figure among the women of officialdom. Senator La Follette's belief in the right of women to a share in their own government is no less firmly founded than his wife's, and they have been very hospitable to Suffragists and Suffrage organizations. The reception which Senator and Mrs. La Follette gave to the Suffragists during the recent convention was one of the most brilliant events of the present social season. They were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Burleson, wife of the Postmaster-General, and the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Franklin K. Lane, among other prominent folk. Mrs. La Follette has spoken in a number of drawing-room meetings. Miss Fola La Follette (in private life Mrs. George Middleton) led the section of actresses in the parade last May and has been one of the most effective speakers for Suffrage whose services the Union could command. She has spoken in a number of cities.

Mrs. Genevieve Stone, wife of Representative Claude U. Stone, now member of Congress from the sixteenth district of Illinois, has been one of the truest of friends to the Headquarters. In advance of the Suffrage Pageant Mrs. Stone worked like a Trojan at clerical tasks and served upon two committees. She was chairman of the committee which has supervision of the delegations of marchers in the procession from non-Suffrage States and vice-chairman of the committee which made arrangements for the meeting in Continental Hall. Now that Illinois has placed itself in the Suffrage ranks Mrs. Stone is one of the many daughters of the State who have received their reward for all their efforts in behalf of Suffrage.

Few supporters of the work of the Congressional Union have been so unfailingly helpful as has Mrs. William Kent, wife of Representative Kent of California. Mrs. Kent brought

MISS FOLA LA FOLLETTE
Daughter of Senator La Follette

MRS. CLAUDIUS U. STONE
Wife of Representative Stone of Illinois

MRS. WILLIAM KENT
Wife of Representative Kent of California

› bear upon the work a wide experience both ; a Suffrage worker and a clubwoman in her ome State. All through the strenuous campaign which enfranchised the women of the olden State she worked, serving as chairan of Marin County of the Clubwomen ranchise League. She negotiated and proured the services of all the bands in the proession of March 3d. She also arranged the etails of the meeting in Convention Hall. Irs. Kent has frequently offered her beautiful ome in F Street as a place of the meeting for ıe Union and a number of notable gatherings ave been held there. The anniversary meeting ostponed from Friday, January 2d, to Sunday, anuary 11th, will be held at the Kent home › celebrate the anniversary of the opening Headquarters in Washington.

Mrs. Raker of California has been another fficient and influential helper at Headquarters. he has for years been a firm supporter of the right of women to vote and was one of the California women popularly accredited with being instrumental in securing that right to the women of the Golden State. The eagerness with which newly enfranchised women of the Equal Suffrage States take up the study of political and social questions is having a noticeably uplifting effect on the politics of the Golden State, according to Mrs. Raker.

Mrs. William L. La Follette, wife of Representative La Follette of Washington, a newcomer at the National Capital, has given her aid to the work at Headquarters. Mrs. Edward T. Taylor, wife of Representative Taylor of Colorado, has attended meetings, delivered addresses and otherwise helped in the work done here.

Other women prominent in official life, to whose help, rendered in a variety of ways, the Congressional Union is indebted are: Mrs. Miles Poindexter, wife of Senator Poindexter of Washington; Mrs. Luther W. Mott, wife of Representative Mott of New York; Mrs. Francis E. Warren, wife of Senator Warren of Wyoming; Mrs. George Sutherland, wife of Senator Sutherland of Utah; Mrs. Julius Kahn, wife of Representative Kahn of California; Mrs. Philander Claxton, wife of the Commissioner of Education; Mrs. Henry George, wife of Representative George of New York; Mrs. Ralph E. Gallinger, daughter-in-law of Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire.

In the Cabinet are a number of Suffrage sympathizers. Mrs. Lane, wife of the Secretary of the Interior, as becomes one who claims California as her home, is a Suffragist. So is Mrs. Burleson, the brilliant wife of the Postmaster-General. Mrs. David Houston, wife of the Secretary of Agriculture, and Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, likewise have shown an interest in the cause of political justice to women.

Suffragist Deputations Interview Congressmen

RINGING words of encouragement from members of the House of Representatives' Committee on Rules greeted deputations of Suffragists who waited on he statesmen last week. The deputations, composed of prominent uffragists, urged the members of he committee to make a favorable eport on the resolution to create Standing Committee on Woman uffrage.

Among those who led deputations ere: Mrs. Nina E. Allender, resident of the State Associations f Suffrage organizations for the District of Columbia; Mrs. Gilson Gardner, and Mrs. Monroe Hopins, president of the Stanton Suffrage Club, representing the District of Columbia Woman Suffrage Associations; Mrs. W. G. Crabbe, f Utah, and Dr. Cora Smith King, f Washington, treasurer of the National Council of Women Voters, epresenting the National Council f Women Voters, and Miss Elsie Hill, president of the District of Columbia College Equal Suffrage League, representing college women.

Rep. Edward W. Pou (Democrat), of North Carolina, who ranks next to the chairman on the committee, told the deputations, among whom were women from his own State, that he had always believed in Suffrage and that he would vote for the resolution. Rep. Kelly of Pennsylvania (Progressive) promised to support the resolution. A promise of support was also given by Rep. Irvine I. Lenroot (Republican), of Wisconsin. Rep. Martin D. Foster, of Illinois (Democrat), told the deputation that he favors Woman Suffrage, but did not wish to tell beforehand what his stand would be if the resolution were brought to a vote. Rep. Philip P. Campbell, of Kansas (Republican), declared himself in favor of the resolution and promised to vote for it.

Rep. Robert L. Henry, of Texas (Democrat), chairman of the committee, was out of the city and therefore no expression of opinion from him could be secured by the deputation.

Rep. J. C. Cantrill, of Kentucky (Democrat); Rep. E. A. Merritt,

MRS. NINA E. ALLENDER
State President of District of Columbia Suffrage Associations

of New York (Republican), and Rep. H. M. Goldfogle, of New York (Democrat), were spending the holidays elsewhere and no promises of support could be secured from them.

Rep. F. J. Garrett, of Tennessee (Democrat), who told the members of the deputations that he respected their activities in behalf of the cause they have so ardently espoused, declined to commit himself in favor of the amendment. Rep. T. W. Hardwick, of Georgia (Democrat), told them that he believed suffrage can be more expeditiously won in the separate States.

Efforts will be made to secure from every member of the committee an expression of his intentions concerning the resolution to create the Standing Committee on Woman Suffrage.

Could this committee once be formed the whole subject of votes for women could be given the investigation it merits—the investigation for which Suffrage sympathizers all over the country are appealing.

The desire for this committee is not confined to Suffrage sympathizers alone. It is general. Even those who have not yet given Suffrage any extended consideration and are therefore only open to conviction and not yet convinced would be glad to have Congres

give the pros and cons of votes for women a thorough, extended hearing.

The creation of the Woman Suffrage Committee is now the immediate concern of the members of the Congressional Union. It is the first step in the effort to secure the passage of the Federal Amendment.

Informal talks with members of Congress have convinced members of the Union that a goodly number of the lawmakers favor the creation of such a committee.

Among these are men who are not classed as Suffrage sympathizers but who realize that the agitation of the question throughout the country can be stilled only by an investigation of the subject of giving the ballot to the women of the United States.

The legislative work of the Congressional Union, under the direction of Miss Lucy Burns, assumes daily a greater importance. It grows apace. If the present plans of the Union are carried out the country will know where every member of the United States Congress stands with regard to the creation of the Standing Committee.

The work of securing these opinions will be accomplished through organized efforts, and an endeavor will be made to complete the canvass of the House of Representatives as early in the year as possible.

Deputations will be busy during the next few weeks in visiting the committee rooms of Congress to interview statesmen. Expressions of opinion from some of the Representatives have come as pleasant surprise to members of the delegations, since some men, not hitherto classed as Suffrage sympathizers, have "come out" for the cause.

Congress will convene Monday, January 12th, and the work of interviewing its members will then be prosecuted with vigor.

The Congressional Union is well organized for lobbying and its members have already met with success in this field. Demonstration work done by the organization in the Capital of the Nation, "The people's city," has been impressive to tourists from all over the land. Many of these are persons of influence in their own communities, and this influence has been exerted in behalf of Woman Suffrage in many ways. Converts made here have interviewed Congressmen, urging them to support legislation favoring Woman Suffrage, especially legislation tending to secure Suffrage by means of an amendment to the Federal Constitution.

Lobbying work will form a large part of the program of 1914. Miss Lucy Burns has planned it on a large scale and will have the assistance of some of the ablest workers in the whole Suffrage field.

Every member of the United States Congress will have it brought home to him that Woman Suffrage is a live issue—the leading issue of the day.

FURNITURE WANTED

FROM Mrs. Russell Malcolm MacLennan, chairman of the Furnishing Committee comes a request for chairs and desks, which are much needed at Headquarters. Mrs. MacLennan states that several rooms must be equipped with chairs and desks within the next few days and that the absence of these much-needed articles is hindering the work of the clerical force.

Mrs. MacLennan asks that the articles be sent to her at Headquarters, 1420 F Street Northwest. She may be reached daily between 6 p. m. and 7 p. m. Her address is 1330 Massachusetts Avenue; telephone address, North 4837.

SUFFRAGE THEATRICALS

GARBED in the colors of the Congressional Union, purple, white, and gold, a bevy of attractive matrons and maids will appear upon the stage of the Columbia Theater, February 20th, when a triple bill will be presented by the Congressional Union, under the management of Mrs. Randolph Keith Forrest.

The piece de resistance of the bill will be the one-act farce by Cicely Hamilton, "How the Vote Was Won." Then there will be a gambol by members of the Congressional Union and a minstrel show.

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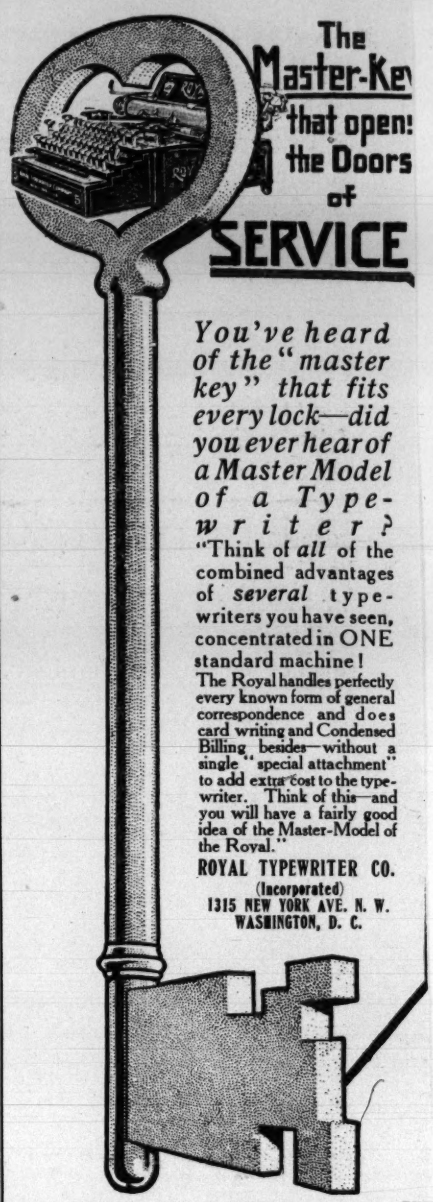
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In making this request, the management of the paper wishes to thank friends who have already sent us contributions. Some of these have already appeared in our issues; others are in the files and will be used shortly.

In our thanks we wish also to include well-wishers of the paper who have sent us contributions which, while not available for our use, have nevertheless given us an assurance of their interest in the newspaper organ of the Congressional Union.

Our restricted space forbids our publishing any matter, however meritorious, which advocates Suffrage for women in a general way, but has no direct bearing on the fight for a constitutional amendment. This paper does not claim to cover the whole field of Suffrage activities; our limited space forbids our doing so. We aim to confine ourselves entirely to activities, or organizations and meetings which have for their purpose the enfranchisement of women by means of amending the Constitution of the United States.

We can not agree to return any manuscripts sent us because our office force is too small at present to undertake that task. Nor can we pay for those manuscripts we use, because our entire organization is supported by the gifts of its members. We need their ideas no less than their money.

We are printing from time to time a series of notable speeches. Many of them were delivered at Congressional hearings.

We are especially desirous of printing contributions from the members of the Union. Let us hear from **you.**

CHAIRS NEEDED

Mrs. Russell Malcolm MacLennan, chairman of the Furnishing Committee, requests that friends will supply the Headquarters of the Union with desks and chairs, two articles which are imperatively needed for the use of heads of departments and of the clerical force. New rooms mean new furniture. The rooms in the Kellogg Building which have been leased must be furnished in a few days.

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SUFFRAGE PLAY

ONE OF the most interesting programs ever given by a suffrage organization will be presented at the Columbia on the afternoon of Friday, February 20, under the direction of Mrs. Randolph Keith Forrest, whose ability in this connection is well known. In addition to the brilliant comedy by Cicely Hamilton, "How the Vote Was Won," there will be a minstrel show and a gambol by the Congressional Union. Miss Doris Stevens will have charge of the business management of the entertainment.

Much mystery is being maintained with regard to the participants in the gambol and the "stunts" they will present. Some of them, so THE SUFFRAGIST has learned, have already obtained fame as entertainers, while others will make their first appearance on the stage.

The cast of the comedy has not yet been completed and will not be announced until every role has been filled. It is expected that rehearsals will be begun shortly after the holidays and the thoroughness with which the affair has been planned by Mrs. Forrest, insures a fine performance.

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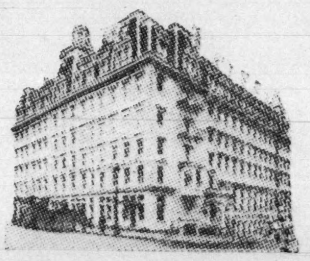

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